



Arlington Conservation Commission

Date: Thursday, January 2, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation.

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Agenda

1. Discussion

- a. Certificate of Compliance Request: 1165R Massachusetts Avenue.
- b. Proposed New ACROSS Route in Arlington's Great Meadows.
- c. Conservation Agent Salary Offset.
- d. Enforcement Order: 335 Mystic Street.
- e. Enforcement Order: 40 Park Avenue.
- f. Water Bodies Working Group.
- g. CPA Committee Liaison.
- h. Symmes Conservation Restriction.

2. Hearings

DEP #091-0356: Notice of Intent: Thorndike Place (Continued from 12/19/2024).

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The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing under the Wetlands Protection Act to consider a Notice of Intent for the construction of Thorndike Place, a multifamily development on Dorothy Road in Arlington. Areas proposed to be altered include Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding associated with Alewife Brook.

- i. At the Applicant's request, this hearing will be continued to the meeting of January 16, 2025.



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Proposed New ACROSS Route in Arlington's Great Meadows.

Summary:

Proposed New ACROSS Route in Arlington's Great Meadows.

ATTACHMENTS:

	Type	File Name	Description
▢	Reference Material	Arlington_Concept_22.pdf	Proposed New ACROSS Route in Arlington's Great Meadows

Proposed New ACROSS Route in Arlington's Great Meadows (AGM)

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Introduction

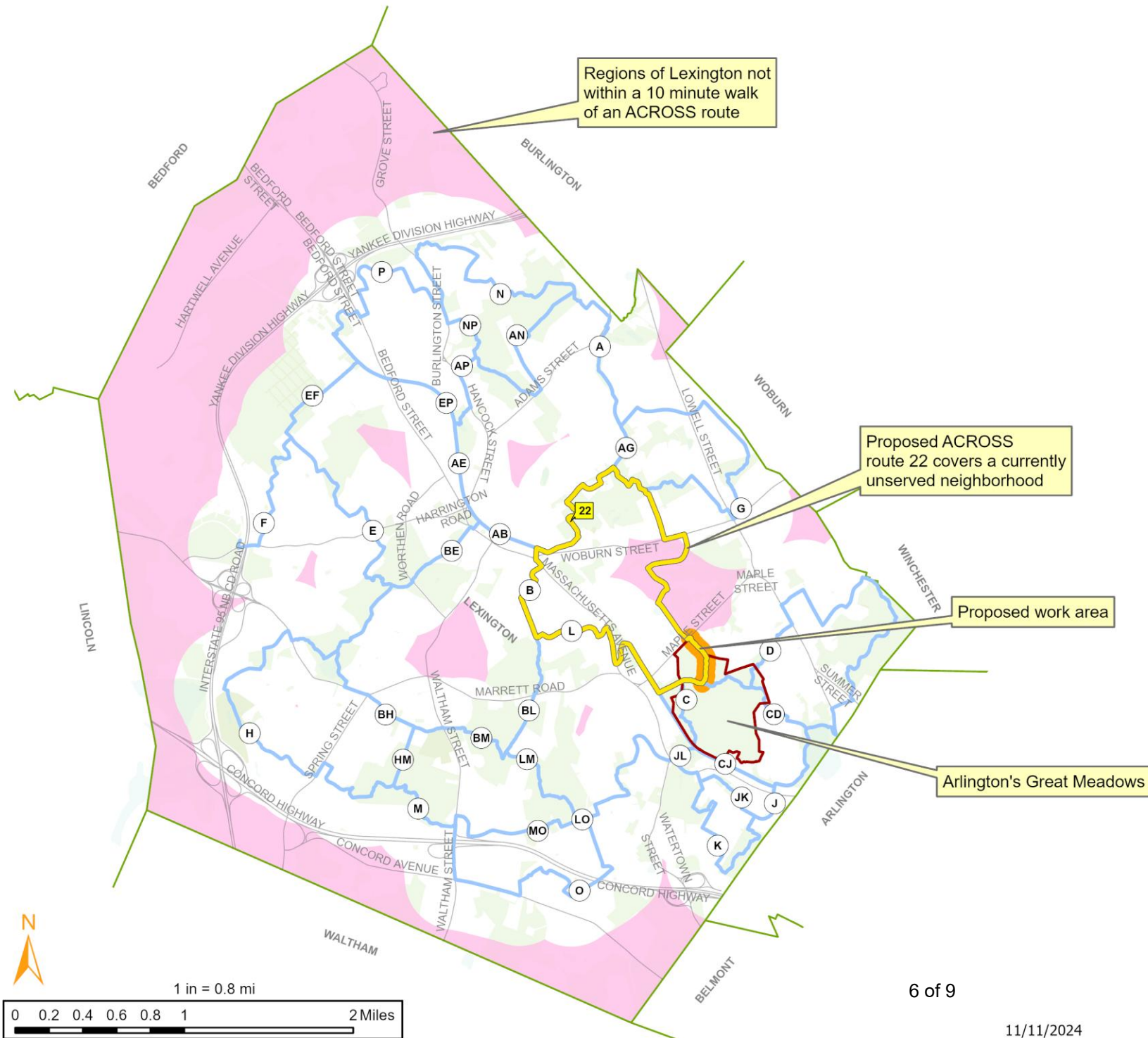
- The GCC, a Selectboard advisory committee, is charged with actively planning, installing and maintaining pedestrian, bicycle and other greenways corridors linking Lexington Conservation, Recreation, and other open space as well as connecting to regional trail systems and open space in neighboring communities.
- **ACROSS** (**A**ccessing **C**onservation, **R**ecreation, **O**pen space, **S**chools and **S**treets) Lexington has been a project of the GCC since 2011 to develop a network of marked routes for walkers, runners, and off-road cyclists.
- Off-road trail travel is preferred over streets.
- Coverage goal is all households and businesses in Lexington within a 10-minute walk of an ACROSS route.
- Current status: 15 routes totaling approximately 50 miles, Coverage 82%, expect to add 12 routes in the upcoming years.

Trail Markings in AGM

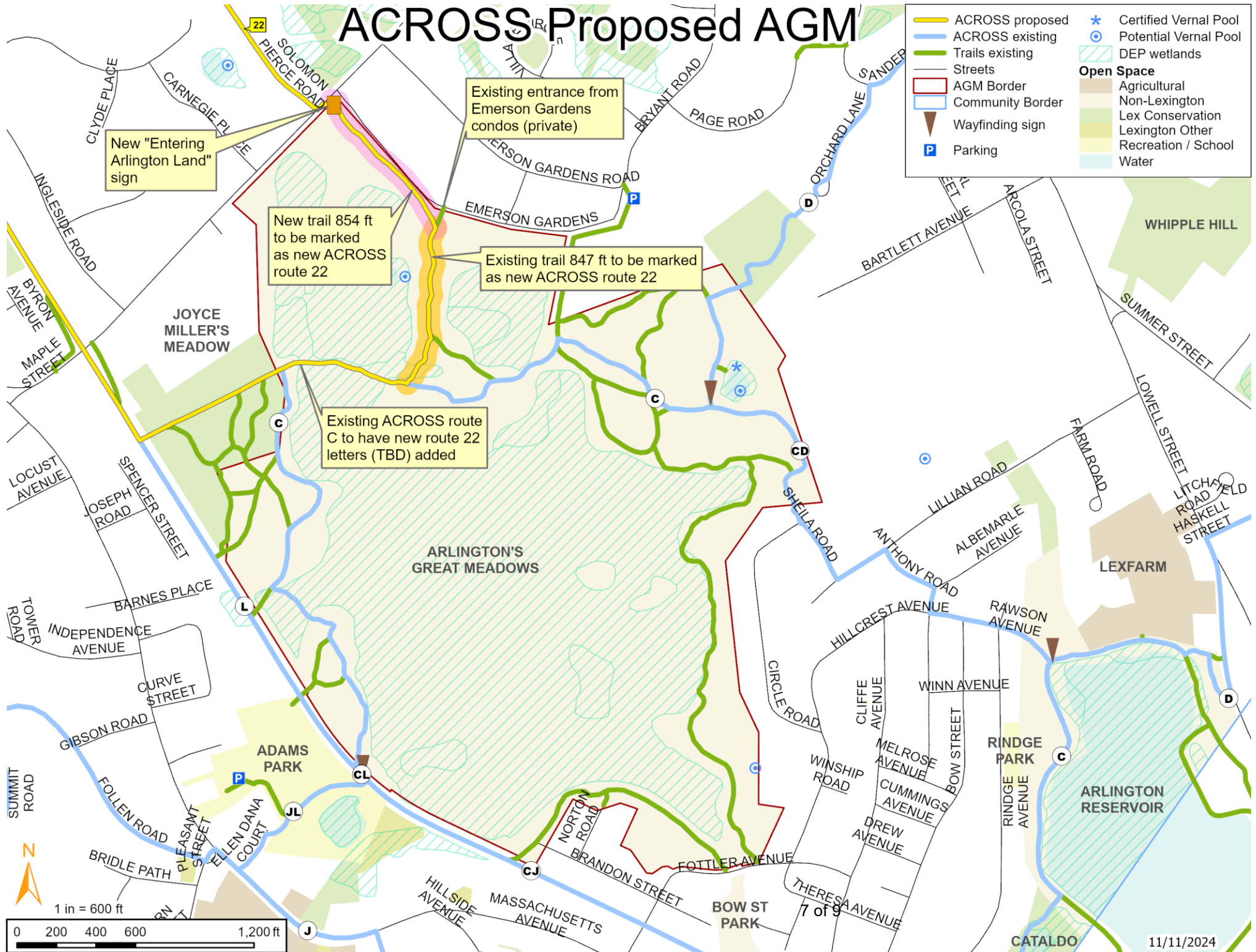
- Do not have any “Lexington” branding
- A few 4-foot wood posts may need to be installed



ACROSS Current Town View + AGM



ACROSS Proposed AGM



New Trail Current Conditions Looking NW

- Landscaped area currently maintained by Emerson Gardens condos.

— Probable route
— Property line



Work Required in AGM

- 1.19 miles of existing routes, 0.32 miles to be added, of which 854 feet is new trail.
- May require wetlands permitting with Lexington Conservation, applicant will be GCC.
- Minimal groundwork, mostly route marking.
- Done with hand tools by volunteers.
- Maintained by GCC.
- No cost to Arlington.